(b) The recruitment to Indian Telecommmunication Service Group 'A' post is made strictly in accordance with the order quoted above.

(c) and (d) The action for outside recruitment against the vacancies for the year 1986, 1987 and 1988 has already been initiated and the DPC for promotion against 1986 vacancies has been held.

A proposal for holding a review DPC for promotion from TES Group 'B' to ITS Group 'A' has also been sent to the Union Public Service Commission in June, 1988. The proposal for holding DPC for the vacancies of 1987 and 1988 being processed and on receipt of the minutes of the Review DPC from Union Public Service Commission, the proposal for holding DPC for promotion for the year 1987 and 1988 will be sent to the Union Public Service Commission.

Setting up of wind based pumping system in AP

2982. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR REHMAN:

..Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals for setting up of wind based pumping systems in drought affected areas in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The Department of Non-conventional Energy Sources has installed 248 windpumps in Andhra Pradesh under the National Windpump demonstration programme. 150 windpumps are under installation at different locations. Recently a field trial project for deepwell windpumping systems, particularly for drought-prone areas, has also been taken up in the State.

इलाहाबाद जिले में नये पेट्रोल पम्प और गैस एजेंसियों के खोले जाने संबंधी योजनाएं

2983. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय**: क्या **पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक** गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस समय इलाहाबाद जिले में नए पैट्रोल पम्प खोलने तथा नई गैस एजेंसियों के आवंटन की कुछ योजनायें विचाराधीन हैं, यदि हां, तो उनकी स्थानवार अगल-अगल कुल संख्या कितनी हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस मामले में सरकार द्वारा अंतिम रूप से कब तक निर्णय ले लिए जाने की संभावना है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (**श्री ब्रह्म दत्त**) : (क) इलाहाबाद जिले मे पहले से ही उपलब्ध खदरा बिक्री केन्द्रों की सुविधाओं के अतिरिक्त 1987-88 तक की वार्षिक एल० पी० जी० और खुदरा विपणन योजनाओं तक इलाहाबाद शहर में 3 और एल० पी० जी० वितरण केन्द्र तथा इसी जिले के गुरपुर, शास्त्री ब्रिज संगम के पास), जगतपुर और अनुमान गंज बाजार में 4 और खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र (पट्रोल/डीजल) खोलने की तेल उद्योग की योजना है ।

(ख) वितरण केन्द्र/डीलरशिप को वास्तव में अलाट करने से पूर्व अनेक प्रकार की कार्यवाही करनी होती है इस लिए यह कहना संभव नही है कि कब तक ये उपर्युक्त वितरण केन्द्रों/डीलरशिपों का आवंटन हो जाएगा ।

Installatoin of Catalytic refromer

2984. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion/proposal regarding instal-

lation of a 'Catalytic Reformer' to manufacture gasoline; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when and where the project is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) IOC have submitted two proposals for installing Catalytic Reformer each at their Digboi and Barauni refineries having capacity of 70,000 TPA and 2,50,000 TPA respectively, in pursuance of the government directives to reduce the lead content in the gasoline as well as to meet the future demand of gasoline. The preliminary estimates show that Catalytic reformers at Digboi and Barauni refineries are expected to cost about Rs. 30.50 crores and Rs. 79.29 crores respectively. The projects are likely to take about 42 months for mechanical completion from the date of investment decision.

LPG Dealership in Andhra Pradesh

2985. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dealerships/agencies for LPG petrol pumps and kerosene of Indian Oil Corporation and other oil companies allotted during the period from January, 1986 to June 31, 1988 under the reserved and general categories in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the number of agencies and dealerships allotted to Scheduled Castes/Tribes during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The number of LPG distributorships, (Petrol/diesel) retail outlet dealerships and SKO-LDO agencies allotted by the oil companies during the period from January, 1986 to June, 1988 in Andhra Pradesh are indicated below:

	Reserved categories	Open/General category	Total
LPG ditributorship	25	10	35
(Petrol/Diesel) Retail outlet dealerships	42	40	82
SKO-LDO agencies	5	4	9

(b) The number allotted to members of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during the above period is indicated as follows:

LPG distributorships . .	9
Petrol/diesel Retail outlet dealerships	23
SKO-LDO agencies . .	5

Pending application for LPG connections

2986. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for LPG connections are pending in Andhra Pradesh district-wise as on date;

(b) how many such applications are pending for more than two years, district-wise; and

(c) what are the expansion plans for LPG network in Tamil Nadu in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The information is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(c) New LPG connections are being released by the oil industry all over the country, including in Tamil Nadu in a phased manner under its annual programme for enrolment of customers, sub-